

1840

Great Britain issued its first  
national postage stamps,  
the Penny Black &  
the Two Pence Blue

20 June 1840

Earthquake at Mt Ararat  
Rhoda was covered with  
debris. A shower of falling rocks  
overwhelmed in an instant the  
village, the monastery of St. Jacob  
and a Kurdish encampment  
on the pastures above

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Mining act in England forbade  
employment of women or  
boys under 10 to underground  
work.

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President Martin Van Buren  
declared a 10 hour day in  
the navy yard at Washington  
and in other public works

Ship-builders generally  
adopted a 10 hour day.

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U. S. Area 2059043 sq mi

Population 17,069,453

Debt less Cash in Treas \$3,573,344

Oct. 8, 1840

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William I of Holland  
abdicated in favor of his  
son, William II

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Chicago with population of 4,470  
ranked fifth in American  
cities

July 2, 1840

Mt Ararat (Great Ararat)  
erupted. Village of A H O R A  
disappeared. - also the monastery  
of St Jacob. which had stood  
for eight centuries. Only  
a hundred out of 2000  
inhabitants survived.

The present village of Ashra was  
probably built on top of debris



that buried the original

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Jerusalem

Ottoman Turks return to power

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1799-1850 Honoré de Balzac

A celebrated French novelist.

He classes his works under the title of La Comédie Humaine, which, while represented groups in the several novels over two thousand characters. His writings are published in 24 volumes of fiction separately; the "Human Comedy" "Droll Stories" "Drama" "Correspondence" "Letters to Madame Hanska" "Youthful

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